

# 182d Airlift Wing Illinois Air National Guard Environmental Restoration Program Fact Sheet February 2009

During October 2008, the 182d Airlift Wing (AW) of the Illinois Air National Guard (ANG) interviewed people from the surrounding community regarding the environmental investigation and cleanup activities underway at the 182 AW (the base). The base is located at the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport. The reason for these interviews was to update a Community Involvement Plan and to find out how the public would like to receive information about the investigation and cleanup activities.

Based on the input gathered during the interviews, a mailing list has been established and this fact sheet has been prepared to provide local residents and community members some information about the investigation and cleanup activities at the base.

#### **Community Involvement Plan:**

The results of the interviews will form the basis for an update to the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for the base. The CIP facilitates two-way communication between the ANG and the communities surrounding the 182 AW regarding its environmental cleanup program. The CIP is available to the public at the Alpha Park Library in Bartonville. If you have any questions about the CIP or other questions related to the environmental investigation and cleanup, contact Roxanne Lastoria with the 182 AW, at (309) 633-5277 or Nicole Wilson with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), at (217) 785-8729.



### The Community Involvement Plan is available at:

Alpha Park Public Library 3527 South Airport Road Bartonville, IL

The Plan is also available on-base with Roxanne Lastoria, 182 AW Environmental Manager, (309) 633-5277.

### **Background:**

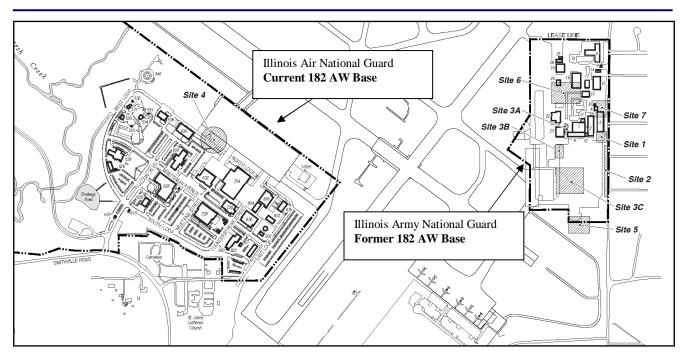
The ANG's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) is a nationwide effort to identify possible environmental contamination that may have resulted from past practices, accidents or incidents at ANG bases. Releases occurred many years ago when limited knowledge existed of the potential environmental consequences associated with the routine disposal or accidental spills of waste oils, cleaning solvents, fuels, paint, paint thinners and similar potentially harmful substances. If contamination is discovered, steps are taken to minimize, contain, control, or when necessary, clean up the contamination.

There are seven ERP sites associated with the 182 AW. The 182 AW used to operate on the eastern portion of the Airport, where six of the sites are located. This property is now occupied by the Illinois Army National Guard. The 182 AW's current location, on the western portion of the Airport, includes one ERP Site.

There are three open ERP sites; the other four sites are closed.



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One site (Site 4) is at the current 182 AW base.

#### Site Status:

Past investigations at Sites 1 through 7 included actions such as sampling soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediment to determine if there was any contamination present. Based on the results of these investigations, Sites 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been closed. A site is closed when a decision for "no further action" is approved by the Illinois EPA.

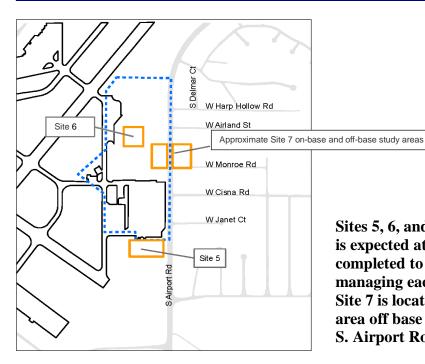
Sites 5, 6, and 7 are currently open. Site 5 is a former drum storage area. Site 6 is the location of aircraft maintenance underground storage tanks. Site 7 is the location of former vehicle maintenance activities. At Site 5, contaminants are present in the groundwater and sediment at levels above Illinois EPA standards; therefore, a clean up action is required. A study is underway for Site 5 to evaluate different alternatives for the clean up.

Site 6 is currently open and the ANG is evaluating the path forward for this site.

Site 7 has two parts, an on-base and off-base area. The off-base area is located on the east side of Airport Road and is within the residential neighborhood between West Airland Street and West Monroe Road, as shown on the next page. In May 2008, additional soil, groundwater, surface water and sediment sampling was done in the off-base portion of Site 7 to better understand where the contamination is located and the concentrations and types of contamination that are involved. The sampling results are being reviewed by the Illinois EPA. The contaminant of concern for the off-base portion of Site 7 is Trichloroethene (TCE). TCE is present in low levels in the shallow groundwater, approximately 3 to 12 feet below ground.



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Sites 5, 6, and 7 remain open. Clean up action is expected at these sites once studies are completed to determine the best approach for managing each of the three sites. Note that Site 7 is located both on base and in a limited area off base near the intersection of S. Airport Road and W. Monroe Road.

#### **Next Steps:**

For Sites 5 and 7, a Feasibility Study will be completed in the Spring of 2009 to evaluate alternatives for cleaning up the groundwater. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the alternatives presented in the Feasibility Study. The base will hold a public meeting to describe the proposed groundwater cleanup alternatives. Interested members of the community are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The public meeting is planned for the Summer of 2009. Additional information regarding the exact date, time and location of the meeting will be publicized.

The ANG is also evaluating interest in the formation of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). A RAB is a group of members of the local community, representing different interests and organizations, which gives input to the ANG and the Illinois EPA on investigation and clean up activities. Additional information regarding the RAB will be provided in future fact sheets and discussed at the public meeting planned for 2009.

### If You Have Any Questions, Please Contact:

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